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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF ANADI NAIK

REF: (A) STATE 189510, (B) CALCUTTA 2046

1. WE CONCUR WITH CALCUTTA'S RELUCTANCE PRESS NAIK ISSUE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ESPECIALLY IN VIEW BREATH OF SUSPICION CIA CONNECTION. WE ALSO FEEL THAT AN APPROACH BY EMBASSY TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT COULD EASILY PROVE HARMFUL TO MRS. NAIK'S INTERESTS AND BE VIEWED INSTEAD AS INJECTION OF MISSION INTO POLITICS OF INTERNAL SECURITY. FOR THESE REASONS, AND SINCE MRS. NAIK IS NOW IN U.S., IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR APPROACH IF ANY TO BE MADE TO INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WHILE AT SAME TIME FOLLOW-UP LETTER WOULD BE SENT BY CONGEN TO CHIEF SECRETARY AS SUGGESTED REFTEL (B). WE WILL ALSO MENTION THE CASE INFORMALLY TO TEJA IN MEA.

2. PO CALCUTTA EXPECTED IN NEW DELHI AUGUST 26 FOR GRIEVANCE WORKSHOP AT WHICH TIME WE WILL BE DISCUSSING MATTER FURTHER. HOWEVER, CONGEN'S WILLINGNESS TO ENTERTAIN VISA APPLICATION AND MRS. NAIK'S TO PROVIDE TICKET TO U.S. NOT LIKELY TO BE DECIDING FACTORS IN ACTION OF GOI IN HUSBAND'S CASE.
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